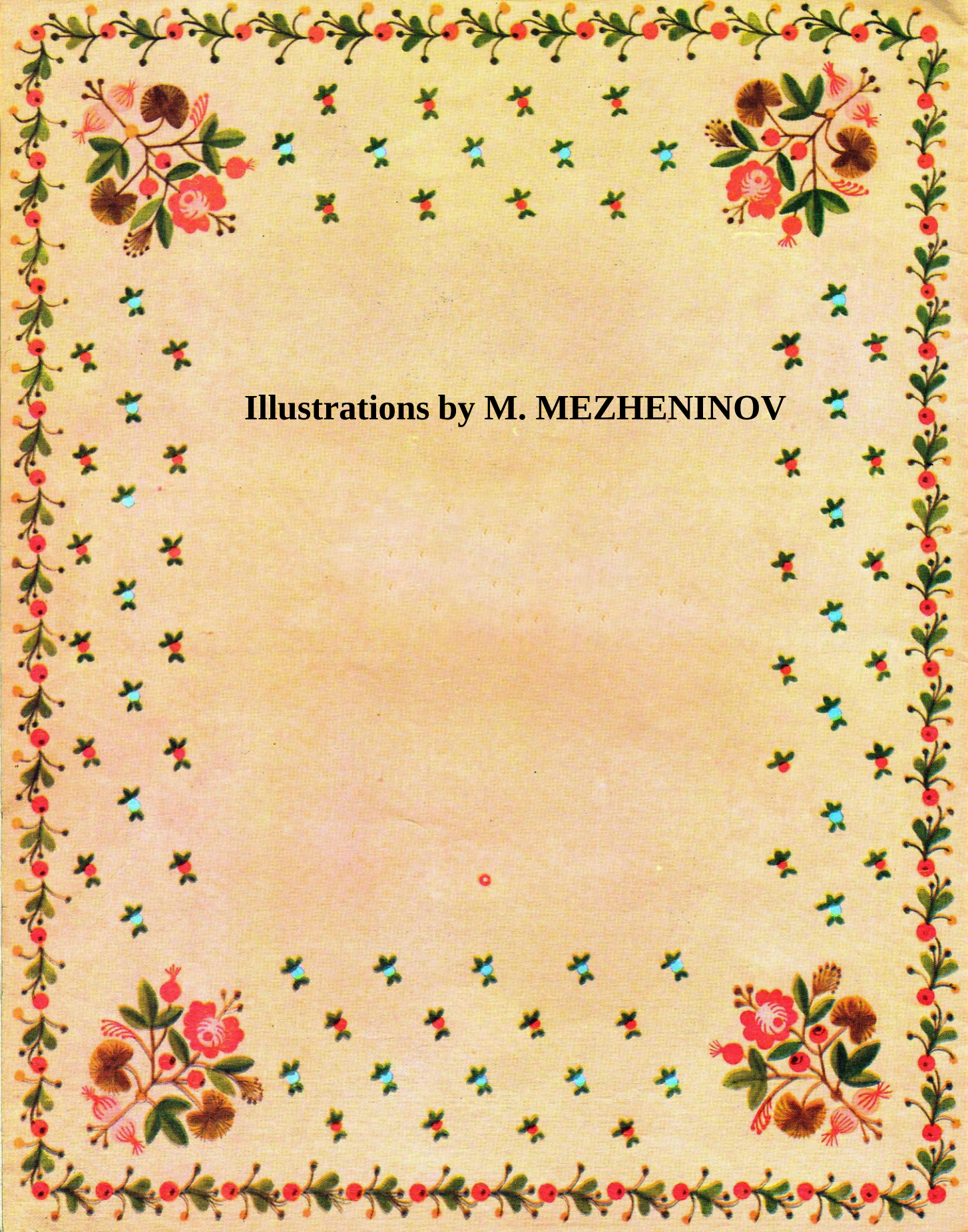
The Fox and the Thrush

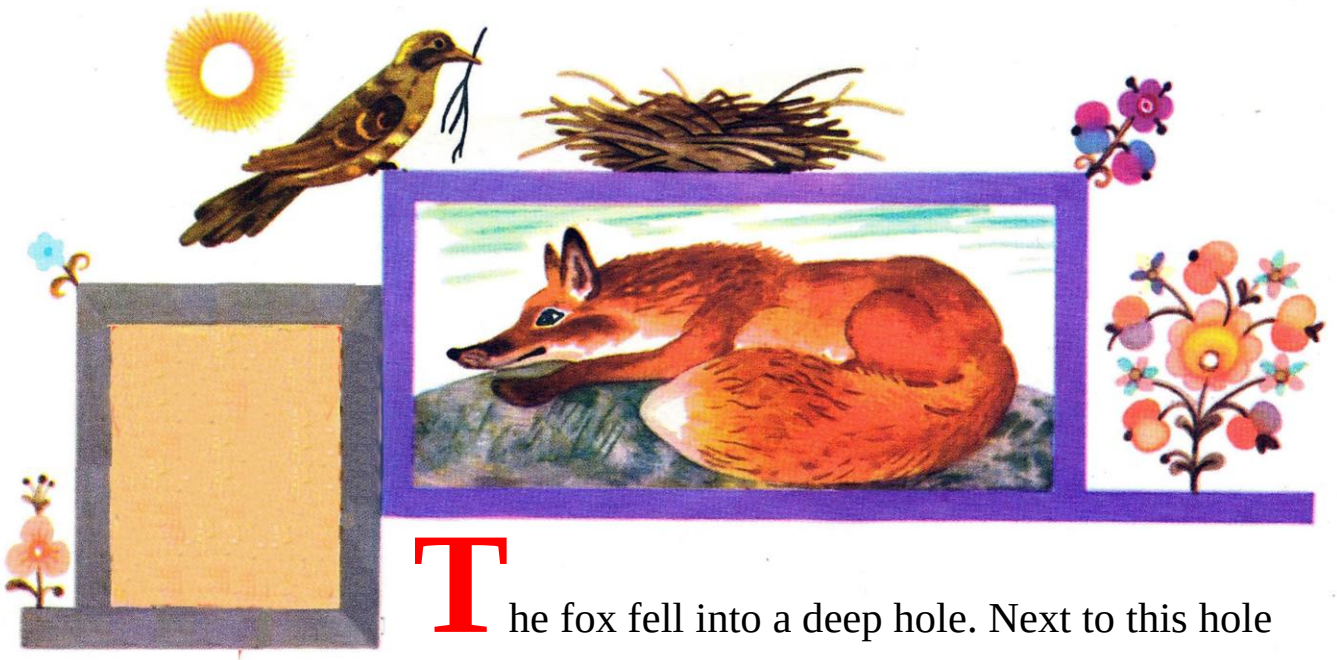


Illustrations by M. MEZHENINOV

The Fox and the Thrush

Russian folk fairy tale

PROGRESS & RADUGA
MINI MINI



The fox fell into a deep hole. Next to this hole stood a tree. On the tree was a thrush building a nest.
The fox sat and sat in the hole. She kept looking at the thrush and finally, she said to him:
"Thrush, thrush, what are you doing?"
"I am building a nest."
"Why do you need a nest?"
"I will hatch my children in the nest."
"Thrush, feed me. And if you don’t feed me, I will eat your children."

The thrush began to grieve, the thrush began to think how to feed the fox. Then he flew to the village and brought a chicken for the fox. The fox ate the chicken and said again:

"Thrush, thrush, did you feed me?"

"Yes, I fed you."

"Well, now give me a drink!"

The thrush began to grieve, the thrush began to think how to get the fox a drink.

He flew to the village and brought some water for the fox.
The fox drank and said:
"Thrush, thrush, did you feed me?"
"Yes, I fed you."
"Did you give me a drink?"
"Yes, I gave you a drink."
"Now you pull me out of this hole!"

The thrush began to grieve, the thrush began to think how to get the fox out of the hole. So, he started throwing branches into the hole. He threw so many branches that in the end the fox climbed out of the hole by climbing over the branches. Then he lay near the tree, stretching himself.
"Well," said the fox, "did you feed me, thrush?"
"Yes, I fed you."
"Did you give me a drink? "
"Yes, I gave you a drink."

"Did you pull me out of the hole?"
"Yes, I pulled you out of the pit."
"Well, now you make me laugh!"
The thrush began to grieve, the thrush began to think how to make the fox laugh.
"Well," said the thrush, "I will fly, and you, fox, run after me."

The thrush flew to the village and sat on the gate. The fox ran and crawled under the gate.

Then the thrush began to shout at the top of her voice:

"Granny, granny, give me some pie! Granny, granny, give me some pie!"

Granny’s dogs heard the thrush. Then they jumped and chased the fox away.

Illustrations by M. MEZHENINOV

Translation into English by Evgeny Spirin
Edited by Arvind Gupta
Layout by Evgeny Spirin

International project:
"Mini Progress and Mini Raduga".

MINI PROGRESS & MINI RADUGA